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In re Application of:)
Akimasa TANAKA) Confirmation No.: 5256
Application No.: 10/594,619) Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: June 19, 2007) Examiner: Diana C. Garrity
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT DETECTING)
ELEMENT INCLUDING FILM WHICH)
COVERS LIGHT RECEIVING REGION)
NEAR MAIN SURFACE OF MULTILAYER)
STRUCTURE AND ELECTRODE ON)
MAIN SURFACE (As Amended))

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Winder, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A Japanese Office Action dated November 18, 2008 that issued in a Japanese Patent Application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

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Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of any non-U.S. patent documents are also attached hereto.

While the Japanese Office Action dated November 18, 2008 additionally cites to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001-339057, WO 03/041174, WO 02/039506, WO 03/096427 and Japanese Published Patent Application, Japanese Translation of PCT international application no. 2002-501679, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on September 28, 2006.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood by the attached corresponding WO 83/04456 document which is also listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

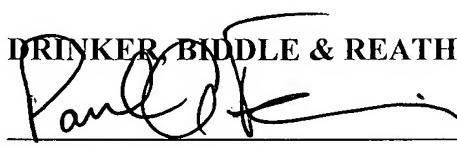
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitutes “prior art.” If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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